CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 7, 2009

INVOCATION:
Pastor Paul Berry from Calvary Chapel gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino.

MEMBERS ABSENT
Councilmember Zacarías.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Community Development Director Appel, Fire Battalion Chief Jones, Utilities Engineer Kahn, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Police Chief Macagni, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Art Rodriguez, Trader Joe's, stated he was available to answer any questions the Council may have on Item 3M, an amended Alcoholic Beverage Control License for Trader Joe's.

Brett Honig commended Police Officer Chris Green. He said he was a wonderful police officer. He talked about the need for change in the City with all the empty buildings. He thought the Police Officers should be able to harass people, and the no harassment agreement should be lifted.

Sister Janet Corcoran commended the City for the pilot green waste program. She talked about how much yard waste had been diverted from the landfill, and how the Marian Medical Center green waste program had diverted over 369,000 pounds of green waste. She asked that the green waste program be extended to the entire city. She also asked that the Council reconsider the tobacco-free park and facility ordinance.

Mark Rademaker talked about the Declaration of Independence and the 4th of July and read a passage from the Bible.

Ernest Armenta spoke about some men believing that women were under them and the men were the bosses. He talked about the last Council meeting where the Mayor said he was the boss when a female department head was speaking. He felt the Mayor should apologize to the department head.

Mayor Lavagnino stated his comment had been directed to Mr. Armenta, not the department head. He explained that Mr. Armenta had been directing questions to the department head at the last meeting; however, questions from the public were to be directed to the Mayor, not directly to a department head.

Mary Jacka said she was also in favor of a City-wide green waste program, and she was also in favor of the Community Development Block Grant funds being used for Fire

Station No. 3. She also talked about the number of jobs available in the fields now because many of the immigrant workers were migrating north.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Cordero requested Items 3I & 3J be pulled for comment. Councilmember Patino requested Items 3C & 3N be pulled for comment.

Item 3C – League of California Cities Litigation Against State
Councilmember Patino stated the City was supporting a resolution to join with the League of California Cities in possible litigation to keep the State of California from seizing gas tax funds because the State would not give the money back to the City. The potential loss to the City could amount to $1.5 million for traffic and street maintenance. The City would not be able to do that maintenance if the State raided the money.

Item 3I – Ordinance No. 2009-15, Amendment to Transient Occupancy Tax Allocations
Councilmember Cordero stated this item was tied to Agenda Item 4. He recommended that Item I be continued until the full Council was present. He asked to look at this one time only so everyone could be satisfied.

City Manager Ness stated that the City Council made the decision at the last meeting to reduce the allocations to the Historical Society and the Museum of Flight, one of which was tied to the Municipal Code. In Item No. 4, the annual operating agreements, staff identified two options. One option was to reduce the contribution to $15,000, which was the direction of the Council from the last meeting; and the other option was to leave the allocation as proposed in the budget, at $23,960. If the Council's decision on Item 4 was to reduce the allocation to $15,000, this ordinance would need to go forward in order to execute a payment to the Historical Society. If this item was postponed for first reading, then second reading and a 30-day waiting period, the Historical Society would not receive payment for several months. The proposed ordinance was a follow up to Council's direction from the last meeting to untie the contribution to the Historical Society from the Municipal Code. The Museum of Flight's funding was tied to the Historical Society's. The ordinance would also untie the economic development contribution from the Municipal Code and clean up the contribution to the Chamber of Commerce. He thought this item could go forward and would provide Council with more flexibility.

Councilmember Patino suggested Consent Agenda Item 3I be postponed and discussed along with Item 4.

Mayor Lavagnino pulled Item 3I to be discussed in conjunction with Item 4.

Item J – Approving final allocations for CDBG funds
Councilmember Cordero said this item was to use CDBG funds for a new Fire Station No. 3. It was half the step to having another fire station on the north side of the City. According to the Fire Department, there should be no significant loss of response time or services to the community. This was an excellent step at this point in time.

Item N – Ordinance No. 2009-14, a Zone Change for Newlove Villas
Councilmember Patino stated she voted against this at the last meeting. She did not like the flexibility that the Planned Development zoning would allow to change setbacks, landscaping and parking. She did not think it was appropriate for this property. She requested the opportunity to vote on the item separately.

Consent Calendar Items A through R, except Item I and Item N, were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Zacarías
ABSTAIN: None

Item N – Ordinance No. 2009-14, a Zone Change for Newlove Villas
Councilmember Orach moved to conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2009-14 approving a zone change request for Newlove Villas located at 202 and 222 East Newlove Drive from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to PD/R-2 (Planned Development/Medium Density Residential), Mayor Lavagnino seconded the motion. The motion failed on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmembers Cordero and Patino
ABSENT: Councilmember Zacarías
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Lavagnino asked what would happen now with the zone change.

Community Development Director Appel stated since there was not a clear vote to approve the ordinance, a tie vote was a denial. He explained that the applicant had requested a four-month suspension of processing the application as there was a chance the property would be sold to another developer.

City Manager Ness suggested the Council might consider continuing this item to the next meeting when all five members were present.

Council chose to let the denial stand.

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 16, 2009, were approved as submitted.

C. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES LITIGATION
Resolution No. 2009-92 was adopted authorizing staff to work with the League of California Cities, and other cities and counties, in litigation challenging the constitutionality of any seizure by the State of California of the City's street maintenance funds.

Resolution No. 2009-92 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO WORK WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, AND WITH OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES, IN LITIGATION CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ANY SEIZURE BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF THE CITY'S STREET MAINTENANCE FUNDS.

D. MHAT AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2009-93 was adopted authorizing the execution of an agreement with the County of Santa Barbara to provide Mental Health Assessment Team (MHAT) Services for the period 2009-10 through 2011-12.

Resolution No. 2009-93 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT TEAM SERVICES.

E. RELEASE OF BOND
Council accepted as complete the public improvements associated with Fairway Industrial Park, Tract 5925, and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of $63,700 for the construction and installation of boundary walls along the northern boundary of the subdivision, with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be retained until January 2010.

F. RELEASE OF BOND
Council accepted as complete the public improvements associated with Newlove Gardens, Tract 5910, and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of $202,945 for the construction and installation of public improvements, with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be retained until January 2010, and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond be retained until July 2010.

G. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 151393 to 151924 totaling $3,628,675.50 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 150766, 151353, 151438, 151466, 151513, and 151516 were cancelled.

H. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

I. ORDINANCE NO. 2009-15
Pulled to discuss with Item 4.

J. FINAL ALLOCATIONS
Resolution No. 2009-94 was adopted approving the final allocation for General Administration and the City of Santa Maria Fire Station No. 3 for use of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

Resolution No. 2009-94 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FINAL ALLOCATIONS FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA FIRE STATION NO. 3 PROJECT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10.

K. PERS PREPAYMENT
Resolution No. 2009-95 was adopted authorizing an interfund advance from the General Fund – Capital Projects Fund and the prepayment of 2009-10 California Public Employees' Retirement System Contribution for a savings of $208,887.

Resolution No. 2009-95 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND ADVANCE FROM THE GENERAL FUND – CAPITAL PROJECTS AND THE PREPAYMENT OF 2009-10 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) CONTRIBUTION.

L. THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
Resolution No. 2009-96 was adopted approving an amendment to the agreement with Carl Warren & Company for Third Party Administrative Services for the City's Liability Program.

Resolution No. 2009-96 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH CARL WARREN & COMPANY TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S LIABILITY PROGRAM.

M. ABC LICENSE
Council made a finding that public convenience would be served in the matter of the issuance of a Type 21 (off-sale general) alcoholic beverage license for the sale of packaged beer, wine and distilled spirits at Trader Joe's located at 1303 S. Bradley Road.

N. ORDINANCE NO. 2009-14
Adoption of Ordinance No. 2009-14 approving a zone change request for Newlove Villas located at 202 and 222 East Newlove Drive from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to PD/R-2 (Planned Development/Medium Density Residential).

Separate vote previously taken with the motion failing.

O. ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13
Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2009-13 setting speed limits in various locations, and adopted the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2009-13 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7-4, SPEED LIMITS OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

P. LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES
Resolution No. 2009-97 was adopted approving the establishment of limited time parking zones on East Newlove Drive along the easterly and westerly right-of-way south of Battles Road from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. seven days a week.

Resolution No. 2009-97 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES ON EAST NEWLOVE DRIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.14 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

Q. LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES
Resolution No. 2009-98 was adopted approving the establishment of limited time parking zones on Roemer Way and Roemer Court to prohibit parking from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. seven days a week and no stopping zones on Roemer Court.

Resolution No. 2009-98 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES ON ROEMER WAY AND ROEMER COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.14 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE AND NO STOPPING ZONES ON ROEMER COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

R. CLOSURE/POST-CLOSURE TRUST
Resolution No. 2009-99 was adopted authorizing the Director of Administrative Services to change the name of the "Closure/Post-Closure Trust" to "Closure/Post-Closure Maintenance and Corrective Action Trust" as required by the Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB) and replacing Resolutions 90-130 and 95-27 related to the Santa Maria Regional Landfill.

Resolution No. 2009-99 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR THE CLOSURE/POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION TRUST FUND LANGUAGE FOR THE SANTA MARIA REGIONAL LANDFILL.

ANNUAL OPERATING AGREEMENTS
Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass gave the staff report. The City Council is asked to provide direction on the annual operating agreements for the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society, and the Santa Maria Museum of Flight. Annually, as prescribed by the Santa Maria Municipal Code (SMMC), the City has provided financial support to outside agencies such as the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Maria Historical Society. Historically, funding for the two agencies has come from the transient occupancy tax (TOT). The City has also provided financial contributions to the Santa Maria Museum of Flight since 1991 directly from General Fund revenues. On June 16, 2009, the Mid-Cycle Budget Review was discussed and approved. During that meeting, the City Council discussed alternate funding options for these agreements and ultimately voted to reduce the proposed allocations to the Historical Society and the Museum of Flight to $15,000

each. To accomplish the revised allocation to the Historical Society, staff prepared an ordinance removing specific allocations from the SMMC. The Historical Society and the Museum of Flight contacted City staff to express concern that notice was not provided before the annual allocation was reduced. The Historical Society and the Museum of Flight indicated that the sudden reduction in funding would result in operational hardships. Both organizations have respectfully requested a one-year postponement of the reduction in allocations in order for each non-profit agency to be able to absorb the cut and attempt to replace the lost revenue. For that reason, an alternative is being presented for City Council's consideration to fund these agencies at the 2009-10 Proposed Budget amount in order to provide a transition period for the Historical Society and the Museum of Flight. Staff has prepared draft operating agreements and resolutions with the Historical Society and the Museum of Flight for City Council's consideration. Once Council provides direction on the specific contributions, the agreements and resolutions will be finalized and implemented.

Mayor Lavagnino asked if the $23,960 included the five percent cut that all departments and employee groups were being asked to take.

Director Snodgrass stated the amount did include a five percent reduction which the Historical Society and Museum of Flight had previously agreed to.

Shirley Contreras, Historical Society, stated she was the Chairperson of the Historical Society project called "Valley Speaks." The project was begun in August 2008 to preserve the history of the Valley. Some people have called it the best thing to happen to Santa Maria.

Hal Madson, President of the Historical Society, stated the Society was formed in 1955. They raised the money themselves to build their building on City property, which was why they got the allocation from the Transient Occupancy Tax. The Historical Museum was considered one of the best in the State. He has written two books on local history which he could not have done without the resources at the museum. He thanked the City for its past support and implored the Council to give them one more year to find additional resources.

Michael Geddry, Museum of Flight, thanked the Council for the City's support over the years. He introduced the Board Members and the people who were involved with the Museum. He said three weeks ago the Council discussed reducing their annual allocation. It was short notice and very surprising. He asked the Council to approve the agreement at the $23,960 amount and give them a one-year deferment.

Brian Hall, Museum of Flight, explained how they arrived at their budget each year. He said there was an error in the budget submitted previously that showed an $8,000 profit when, in fact, it should have shown a $2,000 loss. He felt the reduction to $15,000 at the last meeting was his fault because of the error in their proposed budget.

James O'Neill, Historical Society secretary, introduced the members of the Society who were present. He also asked for a one-year reprieve from the reduction in funding. The Historical Society had for many years received City funding. Their expenses were about $50,000. The funding from the City was approximately half of their budget. To cut that would be very devastating to the Historical Society. He said they needed the time to find other funding sources, to submit grant applications, and plan fundraisers.

Mayor Lavagnino stated everyone at the City would be taking a five percent cut including the Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society, and Museum of Flight. He thought it was the decent thing to do to allow them time to find additional funding. He would be supporting the one-year postponement of reduction in the allocations, with the cut to $15,000 to take place beginning in 2010-11.

Councilmember Patino stated the decision at the last meeting was probably premature. To tell an organization they would not be funded at the same level without notice was a knee-jerk reaction. She did not want to open it up to every museum in town. These two museums provided a service to the City. She felt it was important this year to preserve

the two museums' contributions to the community.

Councilmember Orach stated he lamented the decision as well. The Council really did not give a lot of thought to the significance of reducing these organizations' budgets. These two museums preserved the history of the Santa Maria Valley. Some of the other non-profit organizations had the ability to raise more money than these two museums did. The Museum of Flight had no payroll while some of the non-profit groups had significant staff and grant writers. If the City was going to allow every museum to apply for funding, they would have a lot of organizations putting the word museum onto their name to be eligible for the funding. He was willing to give them another year before reducing the allocations.

Councilmember Cordero stated he agreed with all three of his colleagues. Initially when this came to his attention, he was prepared to make the cuts. He said he did not know how the Council could look at the employee groups and tell them they had to take a cut, while these organizations were fully funded. Then he found out that the five percent cut was already incorporated into the allocations. He said staff did an outstanding job of cleaning up the language in the Municipal Code and presenting an ordinance as the Council requested. Another option was to do nothing about amending the Municipal Code at this time and look at it later. He thought the Council should lend its support, physical presence, and names to the museums to help them raise the money they needed to make up the loss of funding from the City. These were two important parts of the community that needed to be held onto. He would like to see it continue as it is for this year.

City Manager Ness stated that he had spoken with Councilmember Zacarías this evening before the meeting. She said she would support the request from both museums for a one-year postponement of the funding reductions if the other four Councilmembers chose to do that.

Resolution No. 2009-100 was adopted approving the annual operating agreement with and allocation to the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce in the amount of $599,050 on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Zacarías
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-100 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ANNUAL OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Resolution No. 2009-101 was adopted approving the annual operating agreement with and allocation to the Santa Maria Valley Historical Museum in the amount of $23,960 on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Zacarias
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-101 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ANNUAL OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Resolution No. 2009-102 was adopted approving the annual operating agreement with and allocation to the Santa Maria Museum of Flight in the amount of $23,960 on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Zacarías
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-102 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ANNUAL OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA MARIA MUSEUM OF FLIGHT.

Mayor Lavagnino asked what action needed to be taken on Item 3I, a proposed ordinance approving an amendment to Section 3-9.04 of Chapter 9 of Title 3 Transient Occupancy Tax of the Municipal Code related to disbursement of Transient Occupancy Tax.

City Manager Ness explained that it was entirely up to the City Council. In discussions with Councilmember Zacarías, she mentioned she might want to bring back a proposal on how to fund museums in beginning July of 2010. Councilmember Zacarías pointed out that the process for any new proposal would have to be initiated in the next few months to be completed in time for the 2010-11 budget. If any proposal like that were to occur, the language in Ordinance No. 2009-15 would accommodate it.

Mayor Lavagnino stated it appeared that Council consensus was not to open the funding up to any other museums. He asked if the amendment to the Municipal Code was needed based on that.

City Manager Ness explained that if the Municipal Code was left as it is, the Council would be required to give the Historical Society 1.5 percent of the Transient Occupancy Tax; and by practice, the Museum of Flight had been tied to that amount. If the Council wanted to change the allocation, the Municipal Code would have to be changed by adopting an ordinance. If Ordinance No. 2009-15 was adopted now, the allocations would not be tied to the TOT or the Municipal Code.

Councilmember Cordero stated staff talked to the Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society, and Museum of Flight who agreed to a cut of five percent. Sometime in the future, the Council could come back with the amendment to the Municipal Code. That way, all three agencies would get their funds immediately.

City Manager Ness stated if the decision of the Council was to make any change to the allocation to the Historical Society other than the 1.5 percent of the TOT, it would require an amendment to the Municipal Code which could delay payment to the Historical Society for about 45 to 60 days. If the amendment to the Municipal Code was approved now, it would provide flexibility to the Council in the future.

Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass stated part of the allocation to the Chamber of Commerce was made by Minute Order many years ago and part of it was in the Municipal Code. The proposed amendment to the Municipal Code would put the entire allocation to the Chamber of Commerce in one place in the Municipal Code as a clean-up measure.

Councilmember Orach moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2009-15, amending the Municipal Code related to allocations of Transient Occupancy Tax. The motion died due to lack of a second.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Ness reported on items anticipated for the July 21, 2009, City Council meeting including a public hearing for a Zoning Text Amendment related to off-site signs, a protest hearing for the annual weed abatement assessments, appointments to the Block Grants Advisory Committee, the Community Action Commission, and the Library Board of Trustees; and a financial plan regarding the Area 9 Environmental Impact Report funding.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Orach reported he attended his usual meetings in addition to the LAFCO meeting on July 2nd where they discussed a policy that would restrict those trying to bring utility service to agricultural lands so the service would only go to and be retained by that property.

Councilmember Patino reported that on June 17th she attended the Future Leaders of America graduating class ceremony and the School Board meeting; on June 18th, the Chamber of Commerce Trade Show; on June 19th the Kick-Off party for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk; on June 27th, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Los Flores Ranch Park; on July 4th, the picnic at Pioneer Park; and on July 5th, the First Baptist Church Patriotic Sunday service.

Councilmember Cordero reported on June 17th, he attended a news briefing from "Bringing Our Community Home" regarding the homeless; on June 18th, the Chamber of Commerce Trade Show; on June 19th, the Kick Off Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association; on June 26th, a meeting regarding Peace Week; on June 27th, the Los Flores Ranch Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; on July 1st, the swearing in ceremony for the Grand Jury where Joan Leon and Tom Urbanske were sworn in; on July 4th, he went to the Museum of Flight; and today he attended a gathering for all Superior Court Judges. He announced that his grandson was born on July 4th.

Mayor Lavagnino reported that from June 17th to the 23rd he was in Mexico on vacation; on June 25th he attended the SMOOTH open house; on the 26th he hosted the KSMA Radio show with Dave Mullinax from the League of California Cities; on June 27th he attended the Los Flores Ranch Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; on July 1st he met with representatives from Relay for Life; on July 6th he attended the SBCAG Executive Committee meeting in Santa Barbara; and on July 7th he hosted the KUHL radio show and attended the Santa Barbara Foundation's $775,000 Community Economic Recovery Fund Distribution at Good Samaritan Shelter.

CLOSED SESSION

Council adjourned to a Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - regarding EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss ORCUTT CITIZENS FOR BETTER ENVIRONMENT v. CITY OF SANTA MARIA, Case No. 1314150; STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ET AL., EX REL ARMENTA v. JAMES JONES CO., ET AL; CITY OF BANNING, ET AL. v. JAMES JONES CO, ET AL.; and NORMA LEWIS V. CITY OF SANTA MARIA, ET AL., NORTH SANTA BARBARA SUPERIOR COURT, COOK DIVISION, CASE NO. 1273918.

Following the Closed Session, the following report was given:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Orcutt Citizens for Better Environment – Direction to staff was given.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: State of California, et al., Ex Rel Armenta v. James Jones Co., et al. – Direction to staff was given.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Norma Lewis v. City of Santa Maria, et. al. – Direction to staff was given.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned by Mayor Lavagnino at 8:12 p.m.

APPROVED

July 21, 2009
Date

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST

Chief Deputy City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria